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அனுமதியையும் பெற்றேன். கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்களுக்கு ஆத்திரம் வரலாம். கோபம் வரலாம். அதற்கு நான் பொறுப்பு இல்லை. இதில் பாயிண்டு ஆப் ஆர்டர் என்ன இருக்கிறது? ஒன்று மில்லை. என் பேரில் வருத்தப்படலாம். ஆத்திரப்படலாம். அதை நான் மறுக்க முடியாது. இதிலே விதிக்கு முரணாக ஒன்றுமில்லை.

**திரு. கே. ஏ. மதியழகன் :** கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஒன்று மட்டும் சொல்ல விரும்புகிறேன். அமைச்சர்கள் ஸ்டேட்மெண்ட்கள் கொடுப்பதென்றால், ஃபைல்களைப் பார்த்தால்கூடத் தெரியும், முன் கூட்டியே அறிவிப்பார்கள், நிகழ்ச்சி நிரலில் கூட வரும், 'கனம் Industries Minister will make a Statement' என்று ஆகவே, கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் சொல்வது முற்றிலும், முழுமையான உண்மை யல்ல என்பதை மட்டும் சொல்ல விரும்புகிறேன்.

**கனம் சபாநாயகர் :** இதில் பாயிண்ட் ஆப் ஆர்டர் ஒன்றும் இல்லை. மற்றபடி ஏதோ Political tactics என்றால், I am not concerned with that. அதை அப்படியே விட்டுவிடலாம்.

## VI.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

### THE MADRAS PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (REGULATION) BILL, 1966 (L.A. BILL NO. 14 OF 1966).

*THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to present the Report [a] of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Private Educational Institutions (Regulation) Bill, 1966 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1966) and move—

"That the Bill, as amended by the Joint Select Committee, be taken into consideration."

As the hon. Members are aware, this Bill was introduced in the Assembly on the 5th August 1966. Subsequently with the concurrence of the Legislative Council, the Bill was referred to a Joint Select Committee. The Committee called for and received up to 3rd October 1966 written memoranda from interested individuals and institutions. It also recorded on 18th October 1966 evidence of the representatives of institutions and others who desired to tender oral evidence. In the light of the representations received, the Committee considered the Bill in detail and submitted its report together with a copy of the Bill as revised by it.

I shall briefly explain the important changes which the Joint Select Committee has made in the Bill.

The Bill as originally presented did not cover institutions which were awarding their own certificates, diplomas or degrees. The Joint Select Committee has decided that such institutions should be brought within the scope of the Bill and that specific provisions should be made regarding certificates, degrees or diplomas issued

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by such institutions. The Committee has further decided that the provisions of the Bill need not apply to any private educational institutions having at any time fifty students or less on its rolls, in case it imparts technical education or has one hundred students or less on its rolls in any other case or whose annual receipts do not exceed six thousand rupees. The Committee, however, desired that even these institutions should conform to the requirements with respect to the names to be used and satisfy the special provision regarding issue of certificates, degrees or diplomas. Clauses 1 and 2 of the Bill have been revised accordingly.

Another change made by the Committee is to reduce the maximum of the fee accompanying the application for permission from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 500. Clause 5 of the Bill provided for the drawing up of a scheme of management, the constitution of a managing committee and the appointment to such managing committee of a person by the competent authority. In view of the objections raised, the Committee decided that this provision might be deleted so as to enable institutions to be managed by themselves without any day to day interference by a representative of the competent authority on the managing committee. This clause has accordingly been deleted.

The Committee considered that the provisions relating to the naming of the institutions should be amplified to ensure that there is no attempt by any private educational institution to mislead students by adopting names similar to those of recognised institutions. Institutions preparing, training or guiding their students for any certificate, degree or diploma awarded by any university or by any institution or officer shall include in their names the words "Tutorial Centre" or "Tutorial Institute". Institutions issuing their own certificates, diplomas or degrees shall include in their names the words 'Training Centre'. Revised clause 5 provides for this. Special provision has been made under which the certificate, degree or diploma issued by any training centre shall be in the prescribed form.

Taking note of the volume of opposition to the provision relating to the deposit of security, the Joint Select Committee decided that the provision might be deleted. On a similar consideration, the Committee has decided that the provisions regarding the audit of accounts of the private educational institutions be simplified. Under the revised provisions, the institution can itself appoint any chartered accountant for the audit of its accounts. It shall however be the duty of the manager of the institution to send the audit report to the competent authority within six months of the academic year.

Sufficient safeguard has been provided in the Bill as revised by the Joint Select Committee to ensure that in the event of closure of any institution, adequate arrangements are made by it for the continuance of the introduction of its students or for the refund of the fees paid by such students.

The Committee has simplified the provisions relating to inspection. An institution will be inspected by the competent authority whenever it considers necessary.

As regards appeals against any decision of the competent authority, the Committee decided that the time limit within which such appeals should be preferred be two months. Revised clause 17 provides for this.

The Committee has made certain changes in the provisions relating to penalties for offences under the Act. In the case of any contravention, attempted contravention or abetment of contravention, the Committee considered that punishment by imprisonment should be dispensed with and that the maximum fine leviable be reduced from five thousand rupees to one thousand rupees. In the case of continuing contravention, the Committee held that an additional fine extending to one hundred rupees every day is adequate. The Committee has also reduced the maximum fine in cases of wilful obstruction from two thousand rupees to one thousand rupees.

It may be seen that the Joint Select Committee has given careful consideration to the various representations received and has revised the Bill. The Bill as revised by the Joint Select Committee provides only for the regulation of the private educational institutions.

I now request the House, Sir, that the Bill as amended by the Joint Select Committee be taken into consideration.

MR. SPEAKER: How long are we going to sit to-day? Are we to sit in the afternoon also?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: If we are not sitting in the afternoon, we may sit till 2 o'clock and do as much as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Yes. Till 2 o'clock.

## VII.—ANNOUNCEMENT.

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER: I have to announce to the House that the Business Advisory Committee which met to-day has decided the following programme of business for the present sitting of the Assembly :—

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| 2nd November 1966 | Consideration of Official Bills. |
| 3rd November 1966 | Introduction of Official Bills. Non-official day. |